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RESOLUTIONS ON REORGANIZING THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT

Three resolutions, approved on 23 July 1953 by the Plenum of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers Party, the Council of Ministers, and the Presidium of the People's Assembly, announce the reorganization of the Albanian government and the convocation of the People's Assembly on 1 August 1953 to approve the proposed changes. The purpose, as expressed in the preamble of the first resolution, is to simplify the government machinery, to reduce running expenses, and to implement a more efficient and continuous supervision over the increasing economic and cultural development of the Albanian People's Republic. The fourth resolution, issued by the Plenum of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers Party, relieves Mehmet Shehu of his post as secretary of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers Party.7

RESOLUTION I

Article I

The Directorate of the Council of Ministers will be abolished.

Article II

The following ministries will be established:

- 1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministria e puneve to jashtme).
- The Ministry of the Interior (Ministria e puneve te brendeshme).
- 3. The Ministry of the People's Defense (Ministria e mbrojtjes popullore).

4. The Ministry of Agriculture and Procurement (Ministric e bujqesise dhe grumbullimeve), to be formed by a merger of the ministries of Agriculture and Procurement.

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- 5. The Ministry of Industry and Construction (Ministria e industrise dhe ndertimit), to be formed by a merger of the ministry of Industry, Mining, and Construction.
- 6. The Ministry of Trade and Communications (Ministria e tregetise dhe komunikacionit), to be formed by a merger of the ministries of Internal Trade, Foreign Trade, and Communications.
- 7. The Ministry of Education and Culture (Ministria e arsimit dhe kultures), to be formed by a merger of the Ministry of Education, the Committee for Arts and Culture, the Committee for Eroadcasting, and the Directorate of Fublications.
 - 8. The Ministry of Finance (Ministria e financave).
 - 9. The Ministry of Justice (Ministria e drejtesise).
- 10. The Ministry of Public Health (Ministria e shendetesise), with which the Committee for Physical Culture and Sports is to be united.

Article III There will be attached to the Council of Ministers:

- 1. A State Planning Committee (Komisjoni i planit te shtetit).
- A State Control Committee (Komisjoni i kontrollit te shtetit), to be formed from the Ministry of State Control.

The State Planning Committee and the State Control Committee will have the status of ministries.

Article IV The following appointments will be made:

- 1. President of the Council of Ministers: Enver Hoxha.
- 2. Vice-Premier and Minister of the Interior: Mehmet Shehu.
- 3. Vice-Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Procurement: Hysni Kapo. Assistant ministers of Agriculture and Procurement: Maqo Como and Gaqo Tashko.
 - 4. Minister of Foreign Affairs: Behar Shtylla.
 - 5. Minister of the People's Defense: Maj Gen Begir Balluku.
- 6. Minister of Industry and Construction: Spiro Koleka. Assistant Minister of Industry and Construction: Adil Carcani.
- 7. Minister of Trade and Communications: Gogo Nushi. Assistant ministers of Trade and Communications: Vasil Ceti and Milo Qirko.
 - 8. Minister of Education and Culture: Bedri Spahiu.
- Minister of Finance: Tuk Jakova. Assistant Minister of Finance: Abdyl Kellezi.
 - 10. Minister of Justice: Bilbil Klosi.
 - 11. Minister of Public Health: Medar Shtylla.
 - 12. Chairman of the State Planning Committee: Koco Theodhosi.
 - 13. Chairman of the State Control Committee: Shefqet Peci.

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Article V

It is recommended that the General Council of Consumer Cooperatives elect Kico Ngjela president of that council.

Article VI

Rrapo Dervishi and Haki Toska will be relieved of their present duties and will be given other important functions.

Article VII

In view of Dr Cmer Nishani's request to the People's Assembly that, for reasons of health and age, he be relieved of his duties as president of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, the joint meeting of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers Party, the Council of Ministers, and the Presidium of the People's Assembly deem it fitting to meet the desire of Dr Omer Nishani, and grant his request.

Article VIII

It is recommended that the People's Assembly of the Albanian People's Republic elect Haxhi Lleshi president of the Presidium of the People's Assembly.

RESOLUTION II

To create more efficient operational leadership of local authorities by the central government, to decentralize certain functions, and to bring the central authorities into closer touch with local authorities, the state administration will be reorganized and the country will be divided into the following ten districts (qarke):

- 1. Berat District
- 2. Diber District
- 3. Durres District
- 4. Elbasan District
- 5. Gjinokaster District
- 6. Korce:District
- 7. Kukes District
- 8. Shkoder District
- 9. Tirana District
- 10. Vlore District

RESOLUTION III

The meeting of the Fifth People's Assembly will take place on 1 August 1953, to consider the measures of the joint meeting providing for the reorganization of the government and the division of the administration into ten districts.

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Considering that Mehmet Shehu is charged with many functions, to lighten his tasks so that he may concentrate on discharging his important duties as a member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers Party, ice-Premier, and Minister of the Interior, the Central Committee relieves him of his post as secretary of the Central Committee.					
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